

# WHY ACCURATE RUNWAY SURFACE FRICTION MEASUREMENT SHOULD MATTER TO

# Airports

How this information can help set your airport apart



# **FRICTION UNRAVELED**

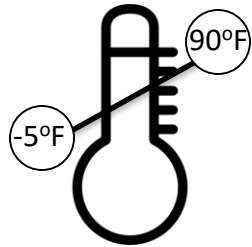
**// WHY FRICITON TESTING STILL  
MATTERS FOR WINTER  
MAINTENANCE**

# UNDERSTANDING FRICTION

## HERITAGE IN RACING



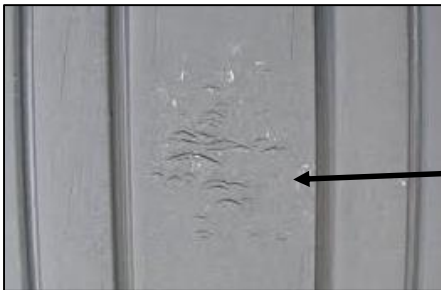
# FRICTION & THE TIRE



Temperature of the compound



Pressure affecting contact patch size and driver feel



Degradation of the compound

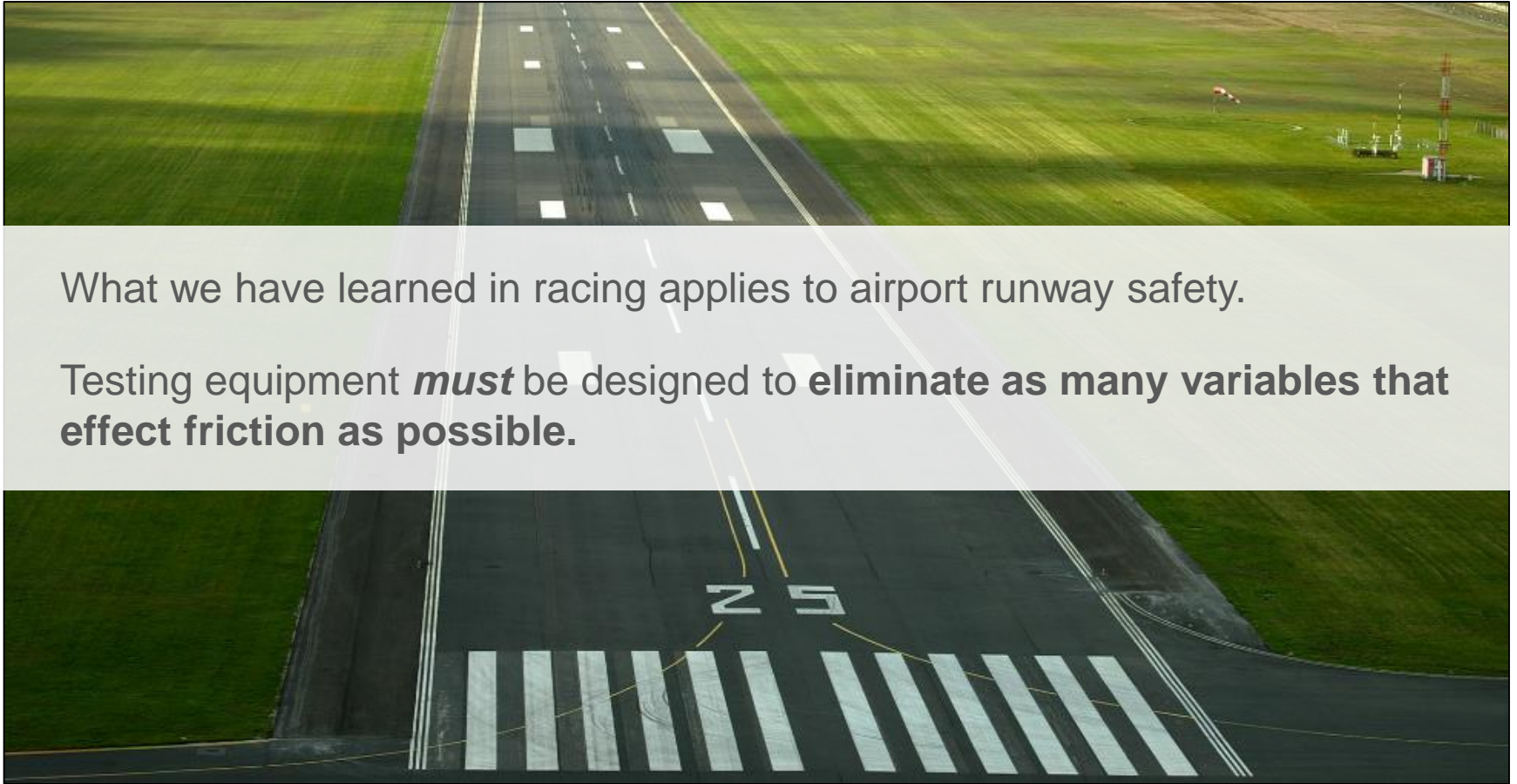
# FRICTION & TRACK SURFACE

- Concrete, asphalt and surface transition
- Aggregate surface area in contact with tire (macro texture)
- Surface friction changing with addition of rubber and contaminant
- Surface elevation change





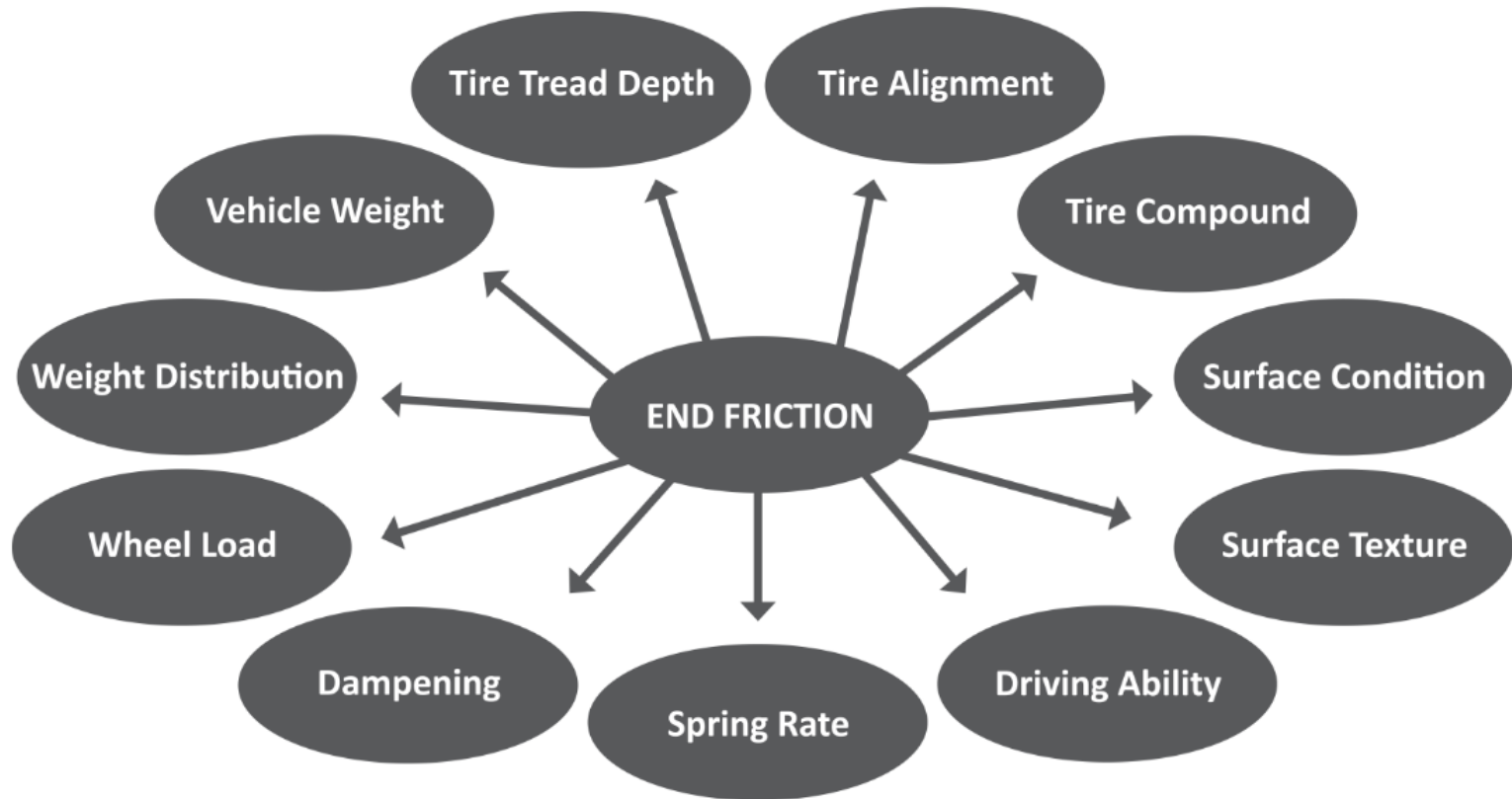
# FRICTION & RUNWAYS



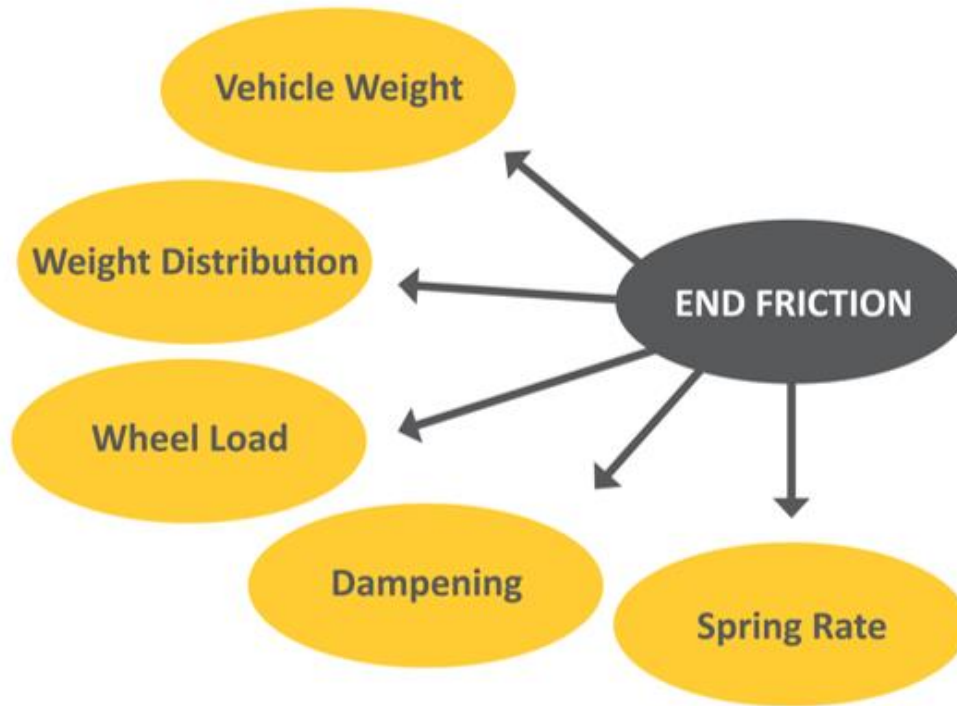
What we have learned in racing applies to airport runway safety.

Testing equipment ***must*** be designed to **eliminate** as many variables that effect friction as possible.

# FACTORS AT PLAY

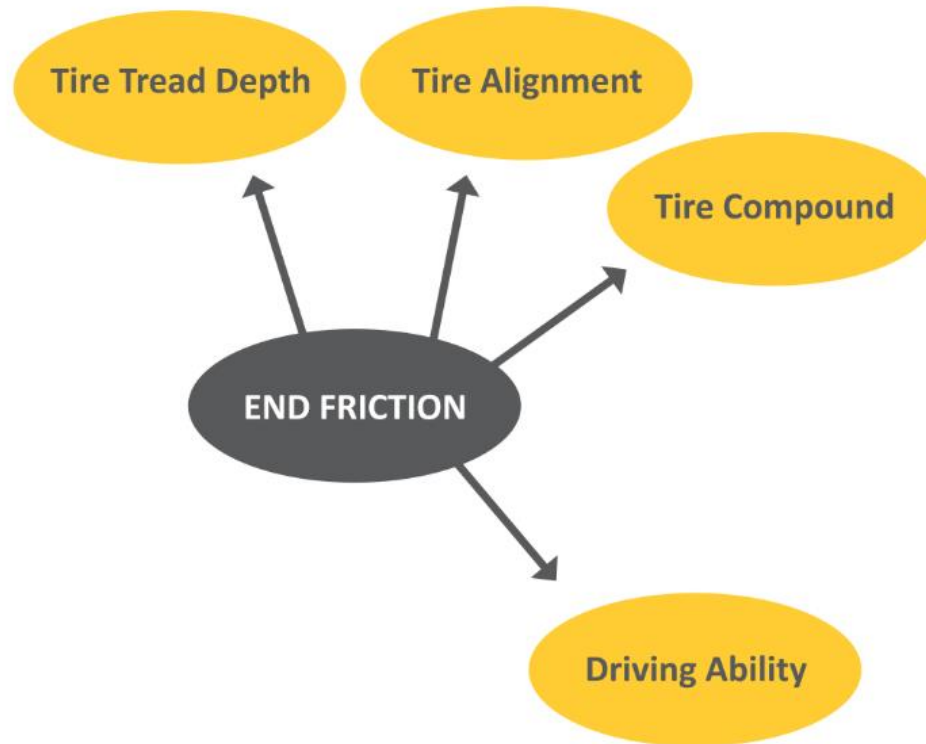


# WE ELIMINATE THE VEHICLE FACTORS



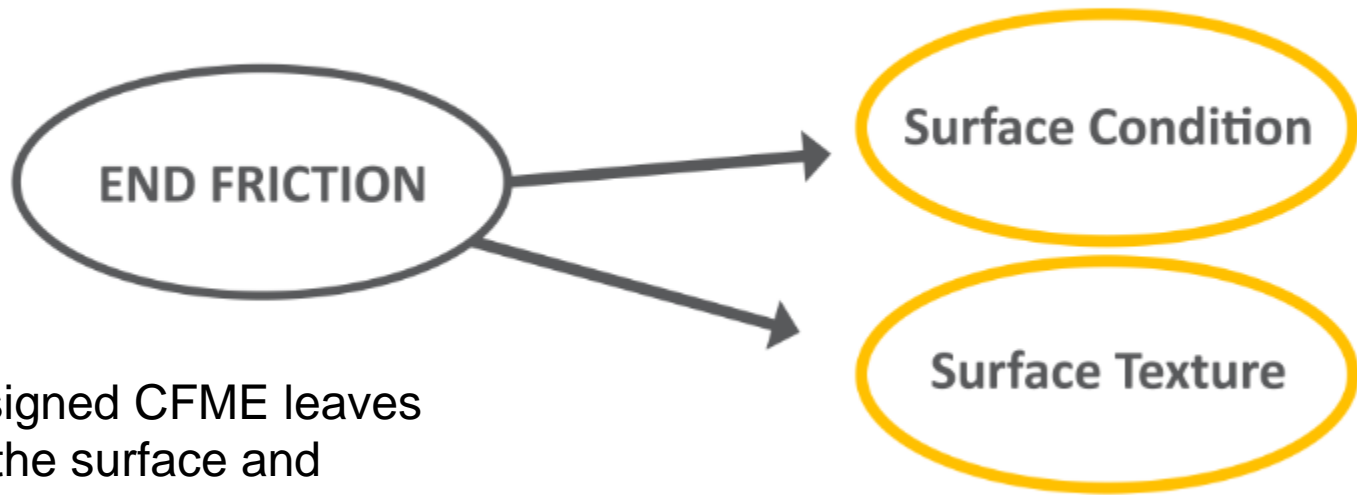


# THEN WE ELIMINATE THE DRIVER & TIRE FACTORS



# WE ARE LEFT WITH THE FOLLOWING

## THAT THE RT3 CAN MEASURE



A well designed CFME leaves only the surface and environmental conditions affecting friction.

# RT3 FLIGHT TO DECELEROMETER

	RT3 FLIGHT	DECELEROMETER
<b>Operator dependent</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Affected by driver performance	No	Yes
Results can be manipulated	No	Yes
<b>Accurate, repeatable reliable results</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Speed of test limited</b>	<b>15-60 mph: operate a safe speed for the conditions when testing dry without water system</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Changes to the vehicle affect the results</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Change to CG	No	Yes
Change in fuel level	No	Yes
Change in brake condition	No	Yes
Change in tire condition	No	Yes
Change in number of occupants	No	Yes
Change in weight of cargo	No	Yes

# RT3 FLIGHT TO DECELEROMETER

	RT3 FLIGHT	DECELEROMETER
Number of readings	100 readings per second averaged to one second data output	Typically 9 spots tested on the runway
Additional wear and tear on the vehicle	None	Can be significant up to \$4k per year when parts and labored are factored in with the vehicle requiring replacement in 3-4 years. Further changes in design impact ability to use decelerometers.
Hard on Operators	No	Yes
Causes headaches and nasea	No	Yes
Can not be driven by pregnant women	No	Yes
Can not be driven by individuals with back problems	No	Yes
Year round use	Yes	No
Customizable software	Yes	No



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## **// RUNWAY MAINTENANCE**



# FRICTION MEASUREMENT

## QUESTIONS BEING ASKED IN THE SUMMER

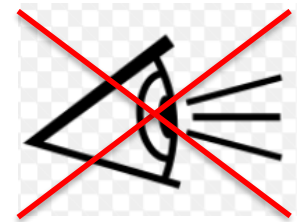
- What should my maintenance planning schedule be?
- Is rubber removal necessary?
- Is water draining?
- How has any surface restorative process worked?



# FRICTION MEASUREMENT

THE RT3 CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS  
ASKED IN THE SUMMER

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Measures changes to the surface
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Identifies rubber contaminant on the surface
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Shows how the surface is displacing water
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Aids in budgeting prioritization planning



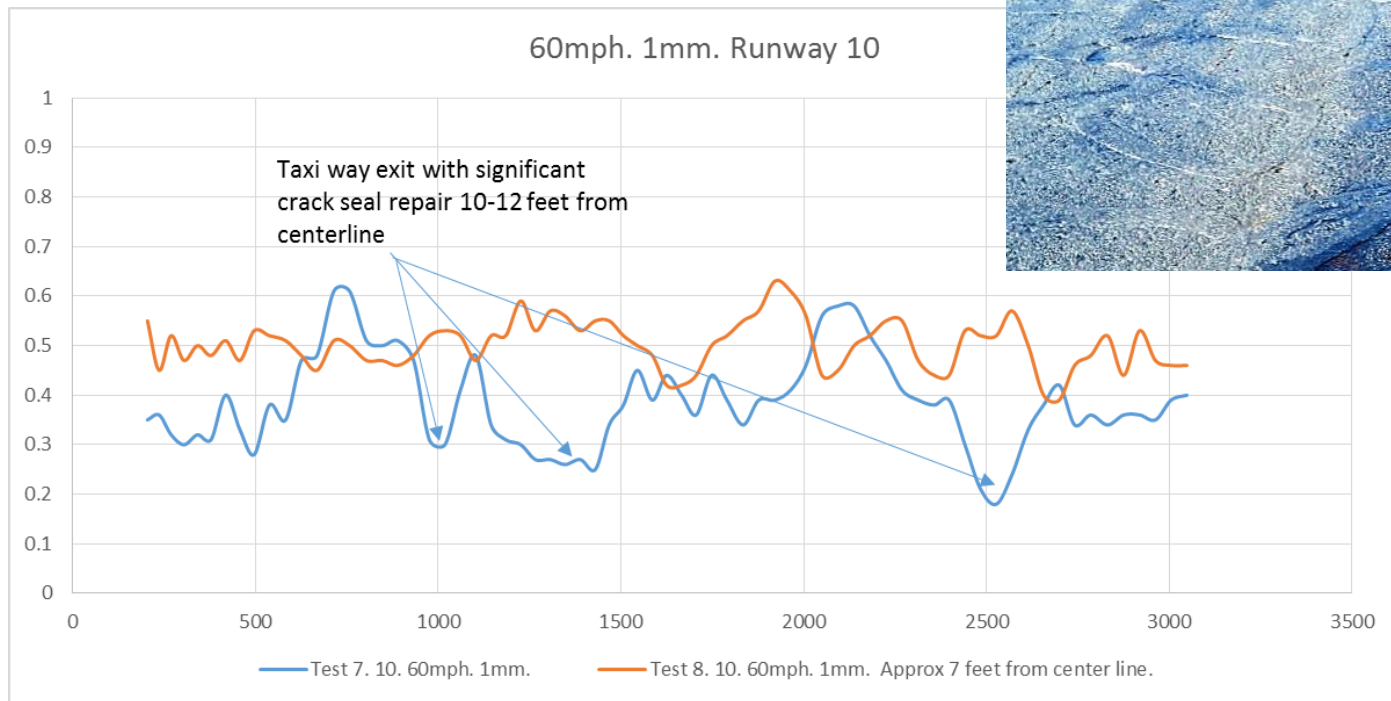
# GREAT LAKES REGION AIRPORTS

- WI, ND, SD, MI, MN, ILL
- OH, IND

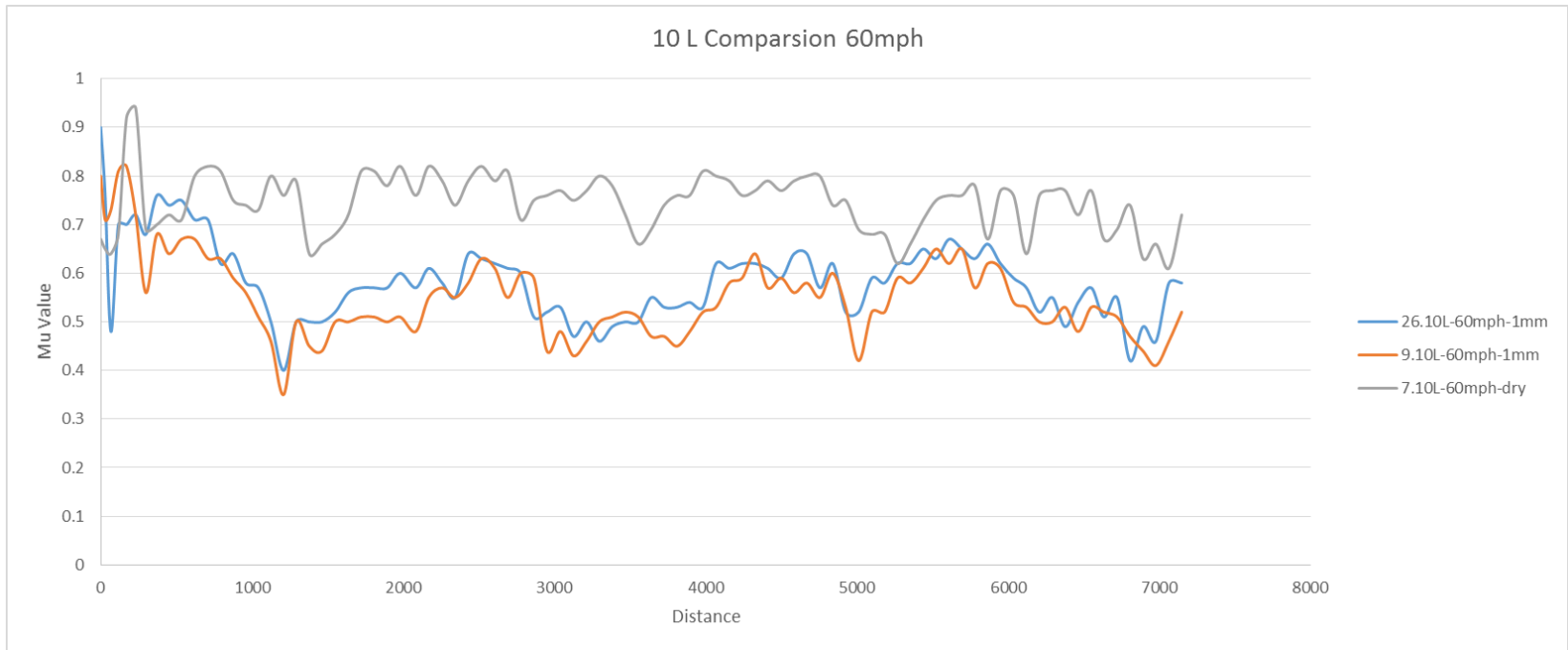
NUMBER OF DAILY MINIMUM TURBOJET AIRCRAFT LANDINGS PER RUNWAY END	MINIMUM FRICTION SURVEY FREQUENCY
Less than 15	1 YEAR
16-30	6 MONTHS
31-90	3 MONTHS
91-150	1 MONTH
151-210	2 WEEKS
Greater than 210	1 WEEK

# WORN RUNWAY EXAMPLE

Crack sealing changed micro, macro and mega texture of the surface!



# WORN RUNWAY EXAMPLE









# FRICTION UNRAVELED

## // WINTER MAINTENANCE

# FRICTION MEASUREMENT

## QUESTIONS BEING ASKED IN THE WINTER

- Can I land planes?
- Is there black ice?
- Has treatment worked?
- Has surface restored?
- Is my surface slippery when wet?



# FRICTION MEASUREMENT

THE RT3 CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS  
ASKED IN THE WINTER

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Provides an objective value
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Identifies patches of black ice
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Tests chemical/treatment effectiveness
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Identifies when the surface is restored  
to an acceptable level of friction.



# RCAM IS FINALLY HERE!

## RUNWAY CONDITION ASSESSMENT MATRIX

- We no longer report Mu Values to pilots
  - Number system based on visual inspection of the runway
  - Friction testing values from an approved friction device
    - Downgrade or upgrade your surface
  - Experience

**SO WHY DO YOU NEED A CFME DEVICE?**  
**WHAT HAS REALLY CHANGED?**



# RCAM CHANGES EXPLAINED

## YOU STILL HAVE TO KNOW:

1. Is it safe to land a plane?
2. Have the chemicals we have put down done the job?
  - i. Do I need more chemicals or to stop?
  - ii. If I add more chemical/sand will it decrease friction?
3. How to validate pilot feedback on braking action?
4. Is my surface slippery when wet?
  - i. 1.12.20 of AC 150/5200-30D

# TOOLS WE USE

## SUBJECTIVE - EXPERIENCE DRIVEN

- Visual inspection of the surface and conditions
- The trusted foot test
- Vehicle handling on the surface
- Reports back from pilots
- Experience

## SOMETIMES INACCURATE

- Decelerometers
- Competitors equipment

# CUSTOMER WISH LIST

## CUSTOMER CFME REQUIREMENTS

- Friction result to be representative of surface conditions
- Reliable & repeatable result
  - Not operator performance dependent
  - Changes to the vehicle do not affect the result
- Runs with minimal maintenance
- Does not put additional wear and tear on host vehicle
- Easy to use

# CUSTOMER WISH LIST

## CUSTOMER CFME REQUIREMENTS

- Friction result easily interpreted
  - Software is customizable
  - Interface to existing reporting systems is possible
  - GPS positioning
- Operate in severe conditions
- To measure friction without water
- Have a system that attaches to the vehicle but can be removed

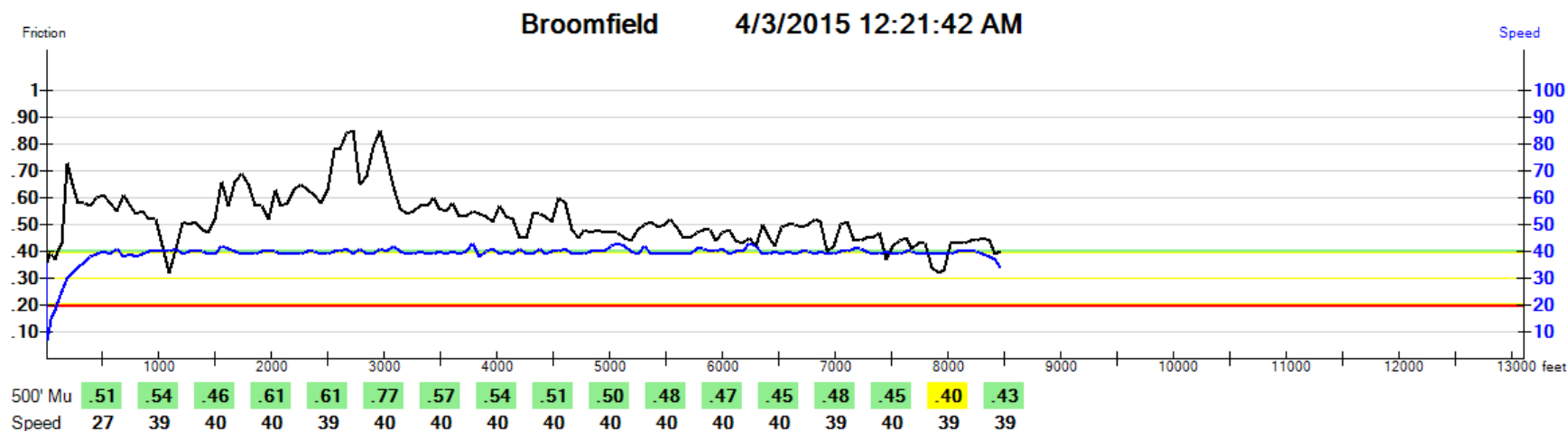
# NOT ALL DEVICES ARE EQUAL

A well designed CFME device adds to the tools that we use everyday by providing an objective measurement that is repeatable, reliable and **OPERATOR INDEPENDENT.**





# DATA OUTPUT - WINTER



Rubber removal: False  
 Name: 12L  
 Distance: 8000  
 Surface type: Grooved Asphalt

Speed: 40  
 Conditions: Slush  
 Surface temp: 31  
 Dew point:  
 Air temp: 29  
 Dist from center line: 10

Depth of Contaminant: 1/8  
 Last treatment:  
 Cleared by:  
 Measurement trigger:  
 Last Time Cleared:  
 Treatment Time:

Other: 40

End text:  
 Average until stop: .52

**3/3 total average friction .52**

<b>1/3 average friction</b>	<b>.56</b>
<b>2/3 average friction</b>	<b>.55</b>
<b>3/3 average friction</b>	<b>.45</b>

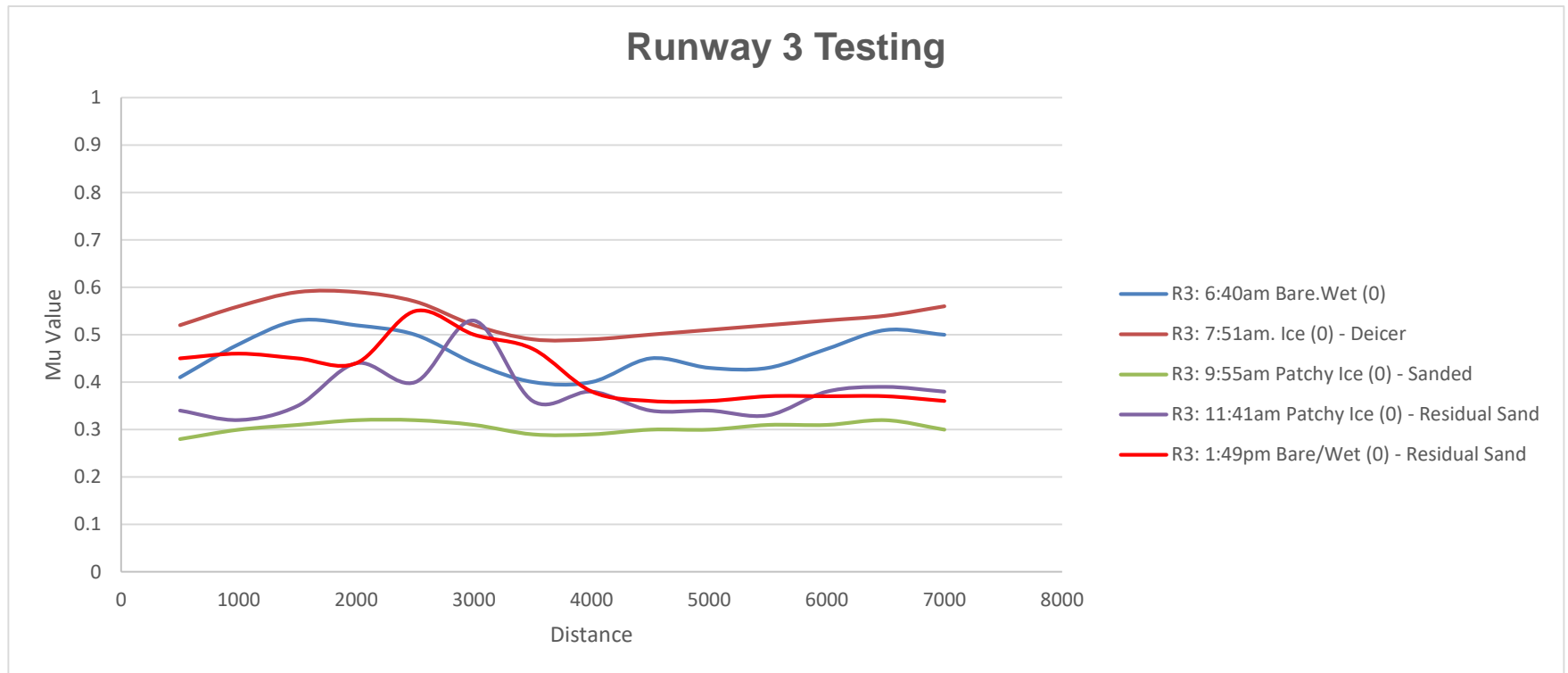
Surface conditions:

Good	$\geq 0.4$
Deteriorating. Monitor	.30-.39
Deteriorated. Monitor closely/treat	.21-.29
Very slippery. Take caution	$\leq 0.2$

HTI MU Value to surface condition table (Showing approximate Mu Values to Surface conditions) Please note that all FAA published material state there is not direct correlation between Mu Values and aircraft braking action.

# COMPARATIVE DATA - WINTER

## CONDITION CHANGES WITH TREATMENT



# QUESTIONS

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